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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Proposed Visit to Taiwan by Major General
Haydon L. Boatner, the Provost Marshal General

1. This memorandum and its attachments are for information only. Particular reference is made to Attachment A.

2. The matter reported in Attachment A is being called to the attention of FE Division for appropriate action.


for James Angleton
Chief, Counter Intelligence Staff

Attachments:

- A. Memorandum to Chief, CI, dated 23 February 1960;
subject: Meeting with Major General Haydon L. Boatner
- B. Letter to General Boatner from Yin Chun, Lt. General,
Chinese Army
- C. Letter to General Boatner from Fu-Ning Lu,
Major General, Military Attache, Chinese Embassy

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23 February 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Counter Intelligence Staff

SUBJECT : Meeting with Major General Haydon L. Boatner,
the Provost Marshal General

REFERENCES : A. Letter to General Boatner from Yin Chun,
Lt. General, Chinese Army
B. Letter to General Boatner from Fu-Ning Lu,
Major General, Military Attache, Chinese Embassy

1. On 17 February 1960 I received a telephone call from Major General Haydon L. Boatner, the Provost Marshal General, with whom CI/PD maintains liaison on police operations.

2. General Boatner said he had received an official invitation to visit Taiwan and wanted to talk with someone in the Agency familiar with that country. He said he did not think it appropriate to discuss the matter on the telephone and suggested a visit to his office on 18 February 1960 to provide more details.

3. General Boatner began the meeting on 18 February by reviewing briefly his background in Chinese affairs including his Chinese language study on the Mainland in the mid-1920's, his military career during World War II in the China/Burma/India theatre working with Chinese troops, his acquaintance with a wide variety of Chinese officials, etc.

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4. General Boatner said that Lt. General Yin Chun, Commanding General, Military Police Command, the Republic of China, had visited the United States recently with a party of Chinese officials, and General Boatner and his staff had extended certain courtesies to them. Upon his return to Taiwan, General Yin had written General Boatner a letter inviting him to visit Taiwan. Subsequently, General Boatner received a letter from Major General Lu Fu-wing, Military Attache, Chinese Embassy, Washington, D.C., which attached a cable from Lt. General Tsun Yen, the Provost Marshal General of the Chinese Army. The cable advised that the Chief of General Staff approved the invitation and requested date and time of departure, names of accompanying staff officers, etc. (Copies of letters and cable attached)

5. General Boatner said he had not decided how to respond to the invitation. He said he would like the [] candid opinion on the value of such a visit to our interests, such as the power struggle between Chiang Ching-kuo and Ch'en Ch'eng, etc. He said that the Agency's opinion would be a weighing factor in his decision. General Boatner emphasized that he was not asking [] to finance his visit -- he said the Department of the Army will do so-- but he would like to know if [] the proposed visit of value to overall U. S. interest, and a means of obtaining information through his access to Chinese officials at assorted levels.

6. General Boatner was told that the matter would be called to the attention of appropriate [] officials, and that he would be contacted by someone in a few days.

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cc: Chief, FE

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HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY POLICE COMMAND
THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA
TAIPEI, TAIWAN

18 January 1960

Major General Haydon L. Boatner
The Provost Marshal General
United States Army
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear General Boatner:

My party and I are in deep gratitude for your hospitality and fine arrangements, which made our trip to the United States so smooth and fruitful. All members of your Military Police Corps on each post I visited were so nice and hospitable, giving me a fine and memorable impression. I wish that words would not fail me in expressing my deep-felt thanks for the benefits we received.

The sole purpose of my visit to the States was to seek out the good things mainly from the framework of your military police corps, to be the example for the Chinese Military Police Corps' further improvement and to observe how your people operate your military installations. My twenty-two-day itinerary, though short, has already given me precious opportunities to observe various good things which will serve as fine models in the betterment of the Chinese Military Police Corps.

I visited General Siao yi-su after I had arrived home. I extended your best regards to him and briefed him on my visit to your office. He is well and sends his best regards and hope to see you very soon.

Again, thank you so much and it will be my great pleasure to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Yin Chun
YIN CHUN
Lt. Gen. Chinese Army
Commanding General

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CHINESE EMBASSY
Office of the Military Attache
2340 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington 8, D.C.

12 February 1960

Major General Haydon L. Boatner
The Provost Marshal General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear General Boatner:

Transmitted herewith is a copy of telegraph which
I received from Lt. General Tsun Yen, The Provost Marshal
General of The Chinese Army, for your reference.

Your prompt action on this matter will be sincerely
appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Fu-Ning Lu
Fu-Ning Lu
Major General
Military Attache
Chinese Embassy

Incl: a copy of telegraph

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Cable from Lt. General Tsun Yen to Major General Fu-Ning Lu:

It has been approved by The Chief of General Staff to invite Major General Haydon L. Boatner, The Provost Marshal General of the U.S. Army, to make a visiting tour to Taiwan. Please advise the date and time of departure, the names of accompanying staff officers. Formal invitation will then be followed.

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NOTE FOR RECORD:

Prior to receipt of the attached, Mr. FitzGerald, C/FE, advised the DDCI that he had lunched with General Boatner the same date (1 March), and that he had recommended the invitation to visit Taiwan be accepted by Gen. Boatner.

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